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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1486

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Energy Audit of State Property.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thomas

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to conduct an energy audit of all property that is under the DOA's control. The bill also requires the DOA to work with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to establish guidelines for the audit and to submit the audit to the Legislative Council before October 1, 2008.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will cause an indeterminable increase in expenditures for the Department of Administration and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor (LG). The bill requires these two governmental entities to work together to conduct an energy audit of all property under the control of the DOA. The amount of the increase in expenditures is indeterminable and will ultimately depend upon the administrative actions of the LG and DOA. It must be noted that the bill also requires a report on this audit to be made to the Legislative Council before October 1, 2008. Also, the costs incurred in conducting this energy audit may be offset by future savings realized by implementation of any of the energy savings recommendations contained in the audit.

The bill requires that this energy audit include a study of:

- (1) The efficiency of equipment.
- (2) The use of energy for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
- (3) The use of energy for lighting.
- (4) Maintenance procedures.
- (5) The cost of alternate sources of energy for any energy used.

The bill also requires that the recommendations from the DOA include:

- (1) recommendations on ways to conserve energy;
- (2) estimates on the time necessary for implementing any recommended changes; and
- (3) projected costs of any capital improvements necessary to reduce energy use.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; Lieutenant Governor.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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